Veil 7:
Warmest blue

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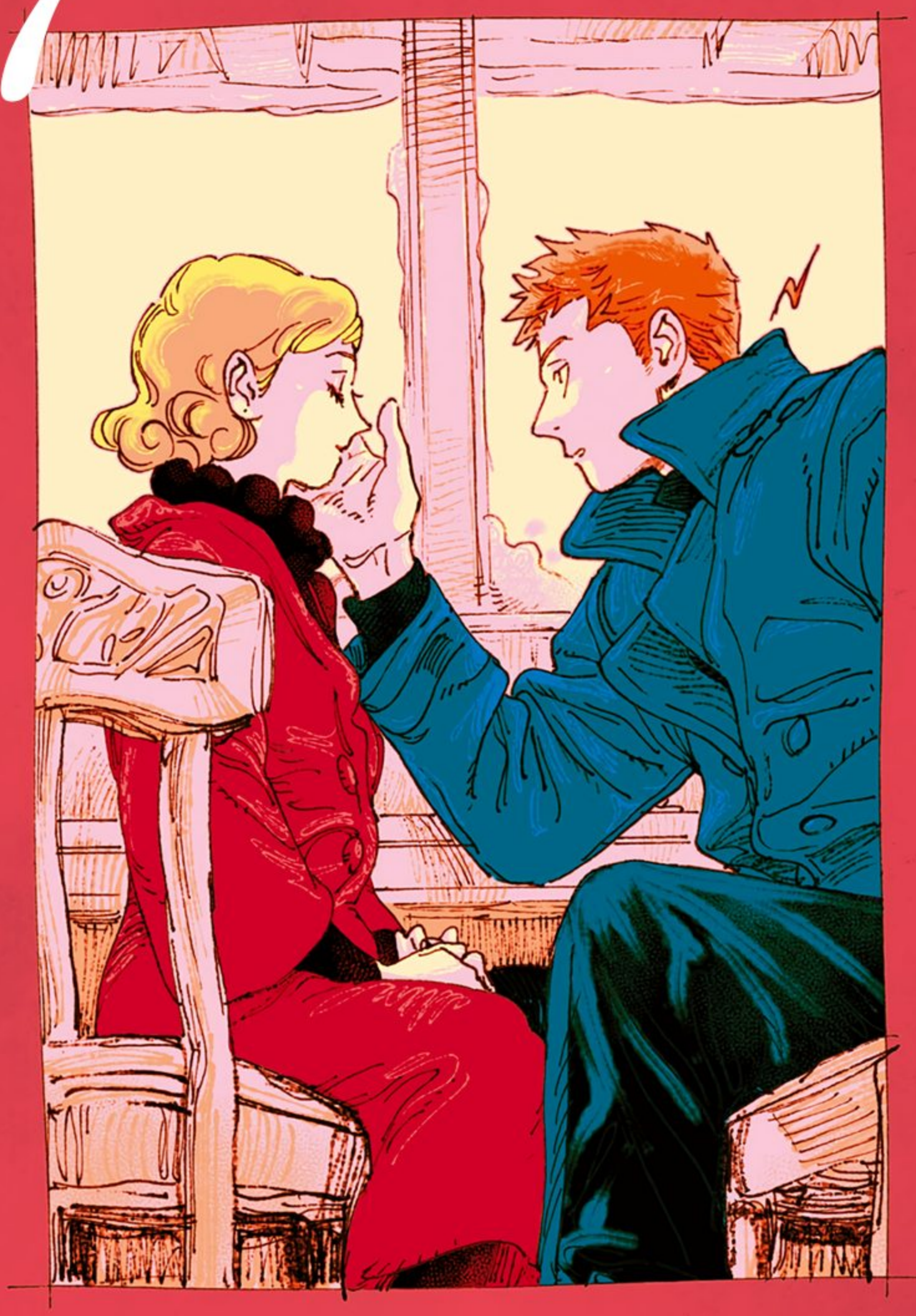

A Storm of Dream Whispers

This feather comes from a dove.

It gave it to me in exchange for some feed.

NH-HI-HI

It was a bit of an ordeal though.

This is one of the coins from when Madam dropped them all.

I remember her saying, "It's hard being rich." Isn't she sweet?

Mm-hm.

I caved.

Thanks for getting me out of that one.

Oh and that clerk from the department store where I had got these glasses.

Goodness meee, she would not stop talking. I nearly asked if she sold earplugs, too.

Didn't she end up selling you some strange clothes too?

The beach, the markets, the river and the gondola.

I need to buy some picture frames.

I think I'll wear these out shopping next time...

You sleeping.

Its room.

The hotel.

Huh?

And the parrot at the service station.

The flower gardens were beautiful too...

Oopsie...

...

Finally got your attention.

Is that the music box?!

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The morning sun...

...felt exquisite in that room.

I really made you worry...

...At the theme park...

Oi! Get away from her!

Was it the parking lot?

Yes.

Where that man came up to me,

and you shouted...

There's still a lot I don't know about you.

That loud voice really startled me.

...I prefer to appreciate pretty voices in silence.

Come on.

Why are you being so quiet?

Would you like some milk tea?

Yep...

Now that's good...

Mm?

For the drive.

Thanks again...

Oh!

Hee-hee...

And I'll say it 7 more.

My pleas-ure.

...That makes 7 times now.

That would be nice.

...Care for a little evening stroll?

Brr. Chilly.

And after all that sun...

Mm?! What is it?

On the drive...

I've been holding off asking you this the whole time, but...

Did you...

...hurt yourself anywhere?

There it is.

You have a tendency to lie and hide things.

I won't sleep until I'm *sure* you're fine.

Why not take a look?

You're such a worry-wart.

Oh, absolutely.

Hee-hee...

I know that...

...your shoes give you blisters.

Your feet are covered in plasters.

Yes they are.

I don't see any bruises.

And you said your appetite's returned.

Your hands and fingers have gotten plenty of work.

Not quite as much as yours ears and nose, though...

That'll be my braids.

Your hair's been a little more wavy lately.

Your face looks a pale blue...

And your eyelids and eyelashes...

Your lips are blushed just a touch with alcohol.

Oh...

Hm?

Yes?

Your head...

My head?

SZH

...End of analysis.

HAHCHOO!

...

You've got on a moon hat... Look't that.

The full moon...

...is on your head.

You—

Pffft... You've had too much to drink.

NOOO!

I don't wanna think about that right now...

First, though...

We've got a mountain of laundry to tackle.

HAH-CHOO!

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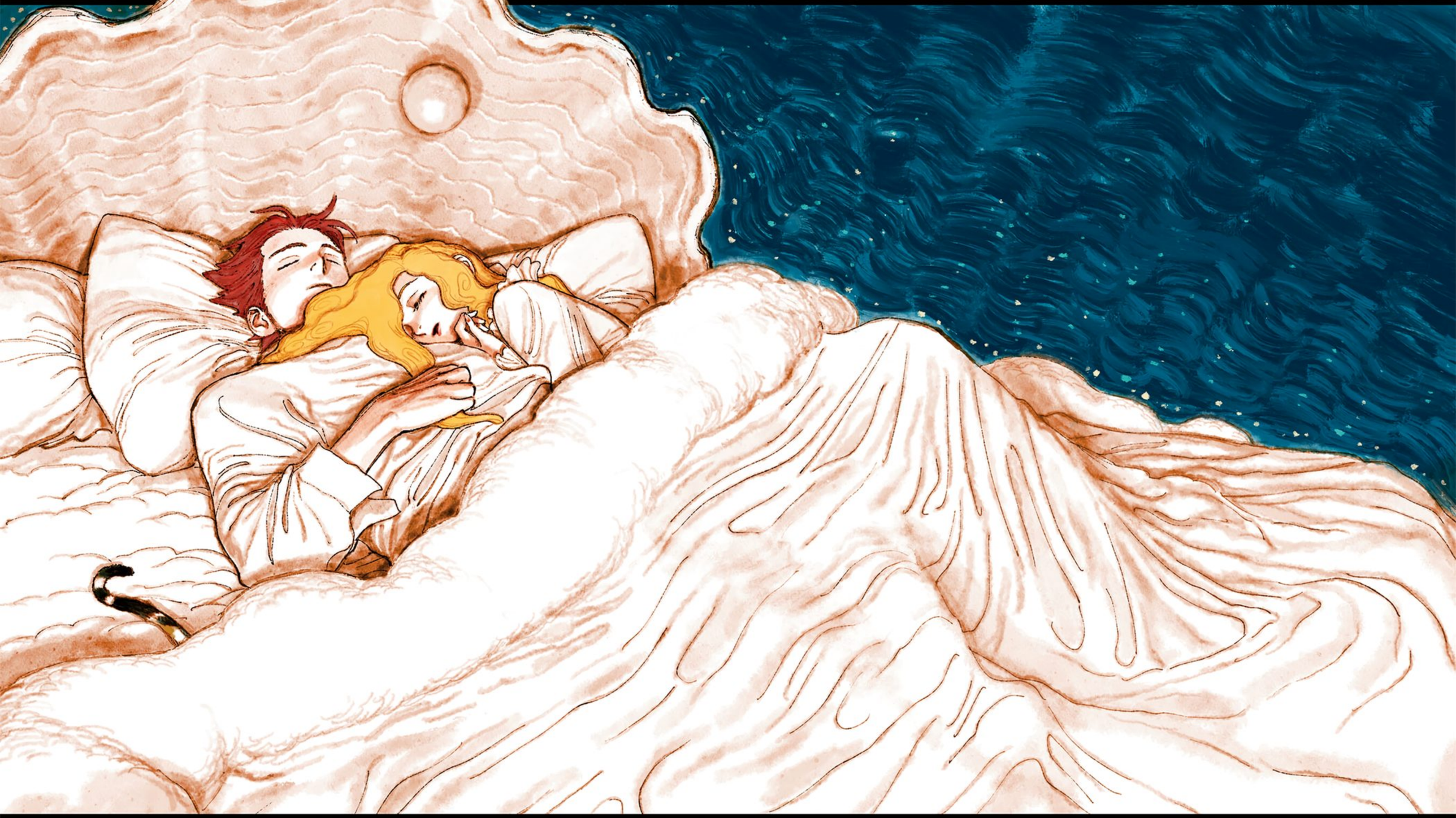
Let's.

Let's do just as much next time.



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Afterword

His eyes, which have always appeared in profile on the covers,
are this time obscured by her head (or rather her ears).
A trip to the ocean, showing a sense of seasonality.
A peek of extraordinary in their lives which already have very little ordinary days in them.
In my mind, "holidays" and "vacations" are reserved for days off.
Still, with a slight sense of wrongdoing, I decided to take a trip to
Asahikawa this October to indulge myself in the avenues of white birches.
The sunlight filtering through the leaves of the trees was divine...

He is a man suited to be in profile, I like to think.
She goes through various different hairstyles,
but I find drawing his seemingly doggy-eared hair so fun.
From behind it resembles a bird's plumage.
The animal with the fanciest hair has to be the horse.
The desire to pet something, is a uniquely human trait.
**These are the author's personal opinions.*

"You're a cat person, yet there aren't any scenes with cats." My editor said to me straight.
That's where the calico cat came from.
In terms of cat manga, one of my favourites is "Cats of the Louvre" by Taiyo Matsumoto.

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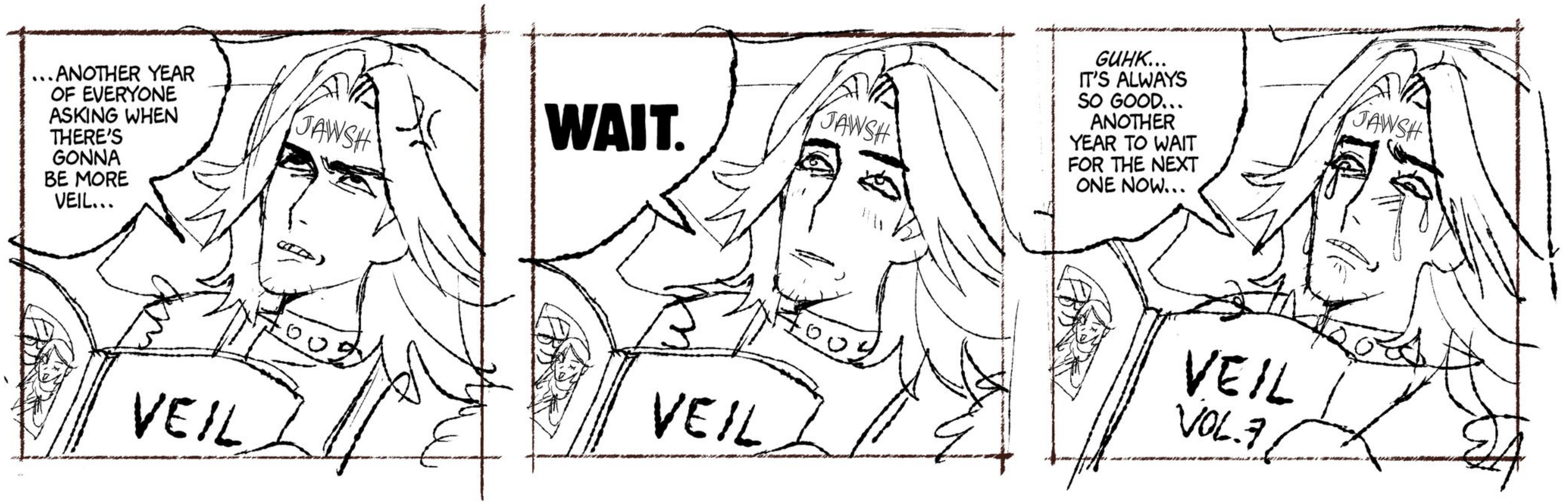
Kotteri!



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